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G8 calls for urgent Syria peace talks despite Russia split

ENNISKILLEN (AFP) - G8 leaders called Tuesday for a peace conference on Syria to be held as soon as possible but deep divisions remained as Russia stood by its embattled Middle East ally.

At the end of two days of tough talks in Northern Ireland, the leaders agreed to push for a transitional government in Syria that could include members of President Bashar al-Assad's regime who switched sides.

The Syria crisis overshadowed a deal by the world's leading industrialised nations gathered on the picturesque

banks of Lough Erne to crack down on tax evasion and share more cross-border financial information.

British Prime Minister David Cameron insisted the leaders had forged a strong agreement on Syria despite a split with Russian President Vladimir Putin, but their closing statement was short on concrete steps.

Cameron, the summit host, said Assad could not join a transitional administration after the deaths of 93,000 people and what Western nations say is the use of chemical weapons.

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US to hold talks with Taliban within days: officials

WASHINGTON (AFP) - United States envoys will meet with Taliban representatives within days, senior officials said Tuesday, after the Afghan militants opened an office in Qatar to oversee peace negotiations.

US-led NATO forces are still fighting Taliban guerrillas on the Afghan battlefield, but the unveiling of the Islamist group's Doha mission is the most concrete symbol yet of behind the scenes moves to end the conflict.

"I think the US will have its first formal meeting with the Taliban, and the first meeting with the Taliban for several years, in a couple of days in Doha," a US official told reporters, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"I would expect that to be followed up within days by a meeting between the Taliban and the High Peace Council, which is the structure that President Karzai has set up for talks of this nature," the senior source said.

The Taliban opened their office to hold talks with Afghan leader Hamid Karzai's government on end-

ing the war that began when the Islamists were ousted from power in 2001 after the September 11 terror attacks.

In its announcement, the Taliban said it would oppose any attempts to launch attacks on other countries from Afghan soil, a nod to US fears that areas under the group's control could again play host to Al-Qaeda camps.

US officials said they had long called for such a statement and said that the Taliban's declaration paved the way for opening talks in Doha, even as American troops continue to fight the Islamist insurgents.

But administration officials warned that the negotiations would be difficult, slow and "messy" with no guarantee of success, citing the low level of trust between Afghan government and insurgent leaders.

The United States wants the Taliban to completely renounce its ties with the international militant group Al-Qaeda but viewed the statement issued Tuesday as a practical first move, officials said.

Aruba's historic buildings getting deserved attention and restoration



This past week the government signed an agreement marking the beginning of the work of restoration on the building in the Zoutmanstraat, formerly known as the Archeological Museum and thereafter the BUVO offices. The project is part of an integral plan to protect our historical monuments as well as the revitalization of the

city center. The Prime Minister remarked that the signing of this agreement brings us closer to completing the circle of buildings that will eventually be united by the Plaza Padu.

According to the government, this particular building is more than 100 years old, even though it does not appear to be that old. In the

course of time it had many functions. It was the first City Hall building, one of four in the history of the island.

The department of Monumental Restoration together with Fondo Desaroyo Aruba (Development Fund Aruba) led the bidding of this project, which eventually was won by local company Van Den Broek. The project has a budget of Afls. 1.050,000 and is programmed to be completed within 240 working days.

In its new cloak and face lift, this building will be used for the promotion of authentic Aruban arts and crafts. This is where local craftsmen will be certified and can produce and sell their creations.

Once restored, this monument will form part of the inner city concept planned for the entire area. It will unite the Plaza with other historic buildings that are of importance to Aruba.

The site will house the City Hall building, Parliament, Office of the Government, Fort Zoutman, and City Building, Algemene Rekenkamer and the Archeological Museum which together with the City Hall center at the back will complete the Plaza Padu.

Dutch Security Minister visiting Aruba, Saba and St. Eustatius



Dutch Security and Justice Minister Ivo Opstelten is on a four-day visit to the Caribbean, with stops in Aruba, Saba and St. Eustatius this week.

In Aruba, Opstelten will be consulting with the Justice Ministers of Aruba, Curacao and St Maarten, preceded by a working visit to Saba and St. Eustatius.

The talks will cover issues including police cooperation, the prison system and the coast guard, according to a statement from the government of the Netherlands.

In Saba, the Minister will be meeting with Governor Jonathan Johnson and members of the Executive Council.

His visit to St. Eustatius will include talks with Governor Gerald Berkel and that island's executive council.

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Prime Minister Eman shares the adventure zero-G with Dr. Edward Cheung



PM Eman and Dr. Cheung

Over the four days from Tuesday, June 4 through Friday, June 7, Aruba's native son, Dr. Edward Cheung, an expert and PhD in Robotics Engineering, was engaged in exhaustive testing of equipment for NASA's Satellite Servicing Capability Office, (SSCO,) which he heads. It required Dr. Cheung and his team, consisting of NASA scientists, Syrus Jeanes and Matt Sammons, make four Zero-G flights, which were

done out of Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

The SSCO, based out of Goddard Space Center in Maryland, was formed after the final mission to the Hubble Space Telescope, a project in which Dr. Cheung played a crucial role as chief engineer for nearly two decades. Their new directive has been developing the means to extend the life of satellites in space. By developing the means to deploy ro-

botic repairs and refueling, SSCO can provide the technology to more than double the life and usefulness of communications and weather satellites, thus saving tens of millions of dollars spent regularly to replace them.

Prime Minister Eman publicly congratulated Dr. Cheung for a successful mission via a SKYPE conference at the Innovation Center named for the island scientist, yesterday morning. He was particularly grateful to Dr. Cheung for bringing Aruba before his fellow scientists and the world by setting out a large island flag during the weightless portion of one of the flights. Each flight consisted of 32 "parabolas," lasting one minute each.

A parabola takes place when the special Zero-G plane has attained an altitude of 34,000 feet, at which point it will dive for 10,000 feet. During that dive, zero-g, absolute weightlessness, was achieved during the final 30 seconds of the dive. Once the plane reached 24,000 feet, it pulled out of the dive, and the gravitational force suddenly switched to the extreme of 2 g, which will literally pinned all those on board to the floor of the plane. That is 32 times, during EACH flight, in which Dr. Cheung and his colleagues were bounced around like human ping-pong balls.

Dr. Cheung and his team were administered concentrated shots of Scopolamine



Dr Cheung and his team ready for Zero G

to control nausea and vomiting during the flight, a common side-effect of the continual changes in G-force. Despite what doesn't sound like much fun, Dr. Cheung reports it was one of the most amazing experiences of his life, and he is always proud during this, and the numerous other high-profile missions in which he has participated, to draw attention to his roots and his home

island of Aruba.

Videos taken during the flights can be viewed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nr22Nrx9btI> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7UeWKuMOD8> with Dr. Cheung front and center for all those that wish to share the adventure!

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Attention: Public Prosecutor's office pursuing settlement of all overdue fines



The Public Prosecutor's Office has announced they will be exercising extra vigilance in collecting overdue fines over the coming months. They are particularly motivated by the fact that many workers have received their additional vacation allowance at this time. It is the opinion of the department that those who have to still pay their fines, will now have the means to do so. CEA, the Aruba Special Unit, is in charge of collecting the fines.

The Public Prosecution, since 2008, has begun collecting overdue fines in a more practical manner. Scofflaws will receive a visit

at their homes from the CEA, either to collect the fines or to take them to KIA, Aruba correctional institute. If there is no one at home, CEA will leave a letter behind, indicating the reason of the visit, and the request to pay the fine as soon as possible.

If the offender is at home, CEA will give them a last chance to pay the fine. If not, then they will be taken to KIA, in custody, as alternative detention.

The Public Prosecution Department urges everyone with an overdue fine to not wait any longer to pay it. Payments can be done at the cash register of the Public Prosecution Office, in Havenstraat 2, Oranjestad. The cash register is open from Monday to Friday, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Payment can be done cash, with checks or via bank cards. If payment is not made, one of these days CEA personnel will be knocking at your door.

US senator backs Clinton for president

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Hillary Clinton may be two years away from announcing whether she will seek the White House, but that is not stopping Senator Claire McCaskill from endorsing the star Democrat for president in 2016.

Stressing that "it's important we start early," McCaskill on Tuesday threw her support behind Clinton, who has barely caught her breath following four years as secretary of state.

"Now, as I look at 2016 and think about who is best to lead this country forward, I'm proud to announce that I am Ready for Hillary," the Missouri Democratic lawmaker said in a statement posted on the website ReadyforHillary.com.

The group is seeking to build grassroots support for a Clinton campaign even though she has not yet declared herself a candidate. McCaskill is the first sitting member of Congress to jump on board.

In 2008 McCaskill was an avid supporter of Barack Obama, who bested Clinton in the Democratic primary on his road to the White House, something the senator acknowledged in her statement.

Clinton, who was first lady when Bill Clinton was in the White House, has inched back out into the spotlight in recent weeks, announcing plans to work on global initiatives involving women and early childhood.

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NEW YORK (AFP) - The world's largest fully solar-powered boat, "Turanor PlanetSolar," docked in New York on Tuesday during a mission to study the effects of climate change on the Gulf Stream current.

Sponsored in part by the Swiss government, the 35-meter (115-foot) catamaran is crowned with solar panels that retract in port but open like a bird's wings to take best advantage of the sun's rays when at sea.

"Instead of being a museum somewhere in some harbor, the boat is now engaged in this second life," said Gerard d'Aboville, the boat's French captain, referring to the boat's latest mission.

ered vehicle to travel all the way around the globe.

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NOTICE: Vaccines for a new strain of Influenza virus recommend by the Department of Public Health

ORANJESTAD - The Department of Public Health has received information from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) about cases of Influenza known as type H7N9 in China, type H1N1 in Venezuela and respiratory infection cases caused by Corona Virus in some Middle East countries.

On Aruba, we do not have any of these viruses, at present, but it is still very important to take all the necessary precautions to prevent being infected with a virus that can cause influenza. Aruba is a place that receives visitors from around the world.

Persons who are at risk for

getting influenza are advised to go to their doctor for a vaccination. Risk groups are: individuals with chronic asthma, diabetes, heart conditions or having had a stroke. Also those who are 65 years or older, pregnant, infected with HIV/AIDS, cancer patients, and children under 5 years, especially those younger than 2 years, should be considered as candidates for the vaccine.

The Department of Health advises everyone to take the following precautions to avoid an infection:

Get a vaccination, avoid close contact with sick people, stay home if you are sick, cover the mouth when coughing or sneezing, disin-

fect hands or wash them frequently with soap, try not to touch eyes, nose or mouth, and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Be sure to get enough sleep and physical activities. Consume plenty of water and eat nutritious and healthy food.

The influenza vaccine is available at the 'Dienst Bemiddelijke Ziekten - DBZ - the department for Infectious Diseases and costs Afsl. 15. Persons belonging to the risk group will receive the vaccine free of charge upon presenting a doctor's prescription indicating they should.

For more information please contact the Department of Public Health, Department of Infectious Diseases, at telephone 522-4222

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Global Sales	247,177	240,000	3.0%	Global Sales	1,139,885	1,106,041	3.1%
Overseas Sales	207,677	199,250	4.2%	Overseas Sales	951,181	909,014	4.6%
By Vehicle Category (Overseas Sales)							
Passenger	132,790	122,978	8.0%	Passenger	608,265	556,596	9.3%
Passenger	64%	62%		Passenger	64%	61%	
RV	70,638	72,222	-2.2%	RV	322,672	332,903	-3.1%
RV	34%	36%		RV	34%	37%	
Commercial	4,249	4,050	4.9%	Commercial	20,244	19,515	3.7%
Commercial	2%	2%		Commercial	2%	2%	
By Region							
North America	59,885	60,231	-0.6%	North America	255,665	268,897	-4.9%
Europe*	52,913	52,762	0.3%	Europe*	241,542	230,870	4.6%
China	50,238	40,723	23.4%	China	243,319	197,991	22.9%
General Markets*	44,641	45,534	-2.0%	General Markets*	210,655	211,256	-0.3%
Domestic / Korea	39,500	40,750	-3.1%	Domestic / Korea	188,704	197,027	-4.2%

Top 5 Selling Cars Overseas

Rank	Model	May 2013 Sales Units	Year To Date	Model	Year to Date Sales Units
1	Rio/K2	44,915		Rio/K2	201,597
2	Cerato/Forte/K3	35,237		Cerato/Forte/K3	162,407
3	Sportage	32,973		Sportage	155,327
4	Optima	23,387		Optima	111,700
5	Sorento	17,470		Sorento	81,401

Kia Motors Corporation recently announced its global sales figures (export sales, domestic sales and sales from overseas plants) for passenger cars, recreational vehicles (RVs) and commercial

vehicles for May 2013, recording a total of 244,177 units sold. This figure represents a 3% year-on-year increase.

In May, Kia posted a year-on-year sales increases

in China of 23.4% (50,238 units sold) and 0.3% in Europe (52,913 units sold). Meanwhile, May sales in Kia's domestic market of Korea, general markets (South and Central America,



the Caribbean and Asia (excluding China and Korea) Pacific, Mid East, Africa) and North America decreased by 3.1% (39,500 units sold), 2.0% (44,641 units sold) and 0.6% (59,885 units sold), correspondingly. Cumulatively through the first five months of 2013, Kia's global sales have increased by 3.1% year-on-year to reach 1,139,885 units.

Kia's bestselling model for the month of May was the Rio with 44,915 units sold. The Cerato was the second best seller with 35,237 units delivered, while the Sportage, Optima,

and Sorento followed with 32,973, 23,387 and 17,470 units sold, respectively.

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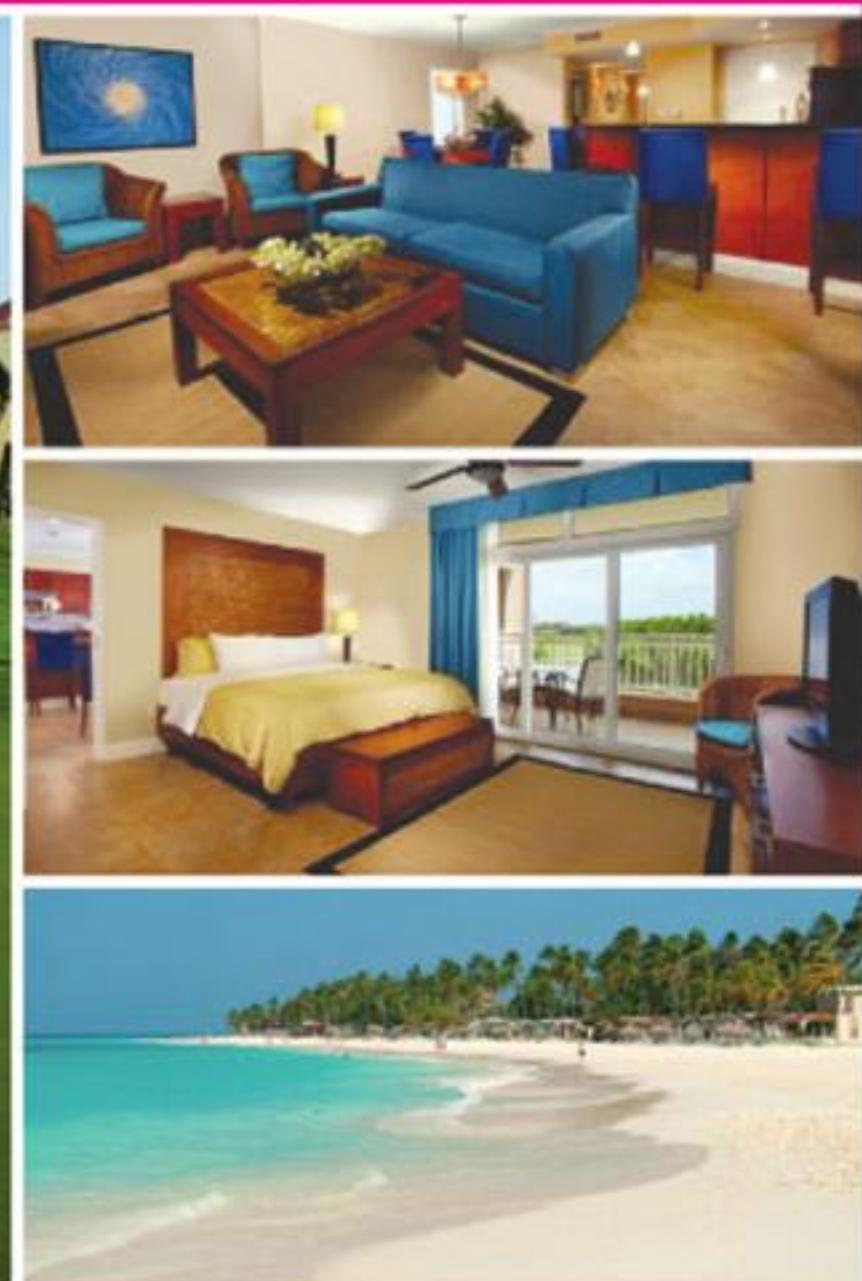
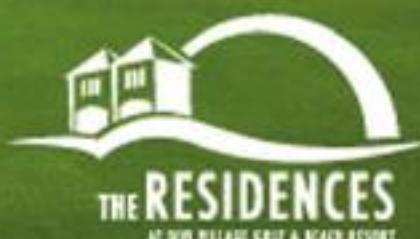
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Last year's hurricane Sandy left many families without homes in the North East of the United States. Among those affected were Chris and Samantha Reinhold of New Jersey. They were planning to have their wedding and honeymoon in Aruba in November this year. Unfortunately they had to cancel all their plans because they lost their

home and all their belongings during hurricane Sandy.

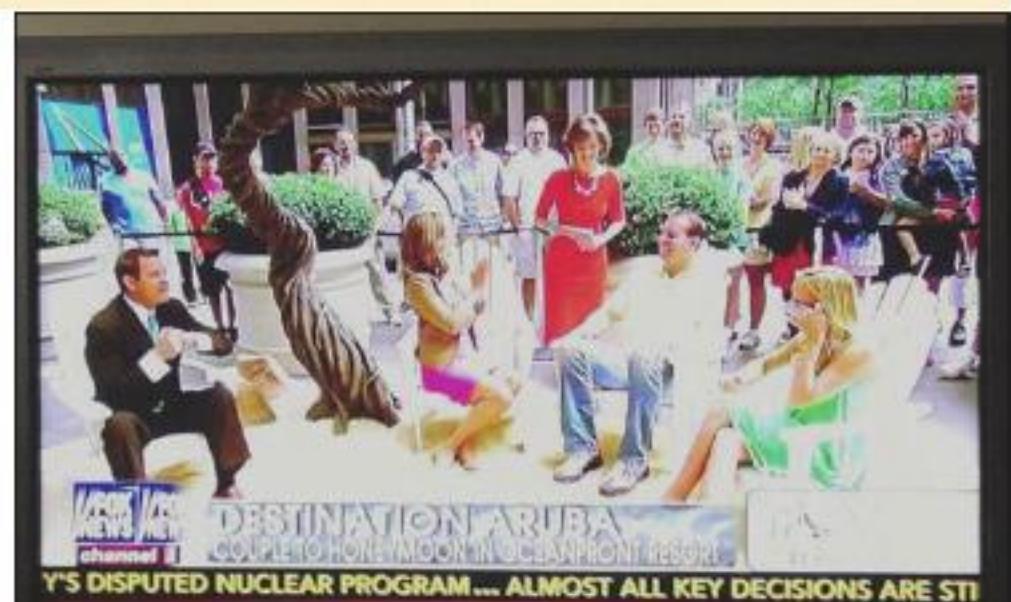
Nonetheless, they wanted to try their luck and make their dream of getting married this year come true. They participated in a magazine contest, "The Knot," a very popular magazine dedicated to weddings and honeymoons, etc. This magazine was raffling a "dream wed-

ding" with all expenses covered.

Unfortunately the Reinholds did not win that raffle, but they made an impression on the PR director of "The Knot" because even though they did not win, they received a great deal of press attention because of their story. "The Knot" decided to give the couple their dream wedding, which took place on June 1st in New York City. Lovely story, but the Reinholds still never made it to Aruba.

ATA's PR agency in the US got word of this story and began exploring the possibility for surprising the couple with a fully paid honeymoon to Aruba, which would satisfy their dream and at the same time generate publicity for Aruba as an ideal wedding and honeymoon destination.

Every effort was made to surprise this couple via a live presentation on the popular FOX television channel. FOX invited the couple to tell



their story on television, how they lost their home and how "The Knot" granted them a lovely wedding in June, etc. What the Reinholds did not know was that the news segment would be filmed with them seated on white sand under a Fofoti tree created by Aruba. Neither did they know that ATA CEO,

Ronella Tjin A-Sjoe-Croes would surprise them with the news that they were invited to come to Aruba for an all paid honeymoon at the Divi Aruba All Inclusive Resort. Tjin A-Sjoe-Croes reported that she represents a "One

Happy Island" and that their story and journey after hurricane Sandy made them worthy of our attention and deserving of this special gift from Aruba.

The special FOX program was seen here on Aruba last Sunday, June 16th on FOX channel 8... FOX News during the morning Fox & Friends show. It is calculated to have had an audience of almost 2 million viewers in the USA. What a surprise this was for the Reinholds, finally they will get to enjoy an Aruba honeymoon on the One Happy Island.



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G8 calls for urgent Syria peace talks despite Russia split...

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"As for the transition, look I think it unthinkable that President Assad can play any part in the future government of his country, he has blood on his hands, he has used chemical weapons," he said.

The G8 communiqué pointedly made no reference to him however in an apparent concession to Moscow, Assad's chief arms supplier.

The statement said only that the transitional body should be "formed by mutual consent".

The G8 harked back to the chaos after the 2003 invasion of Iraq, saying that Syrian military and security services "must be preserved and restored" in a future set-up.

The leaders did not suggest a date for the proposed Syria peace talks, which were supposed to take place this month in Geneva to follow up on a similar meeting last year but have already been delayed.

They did however urge Syria to admit chemical weapons investigators and say they were "deeply concerned" by the threat of Islamic extremism among the rebels.

The Syria conflict has sparked fears of a new cold war with Washington saying last week that it would start arming the rebels against the Russian-backed Syrian regime.

Putin, who had an icy confrontation with US President Barack Obama on Monday, was in defiant mood after the summit, saying that Russia would not rule out new arms supplies.

"We are supplying arms to the legitimate government in accordance with legal contracts," Putin told a news conference.

He denied however that he had felt frozen out of the summit by the G8, to which Russia was only admitted in 1998 and said that "not a sin-

gle time did it happen that Russia was left alone in defending its approach to the solution of the Syrian problem".

British officials pointed to Cameron's efforts to win over Putin in the run-up to the summit, including travelling for talks with the Russian president in Sochi in May.

The G8 nations pledged almost \$1.5 billion (1.1 billion euros) in humanitarian aid for refugees inside and outside Syria, including \$300 million from the United States and 200 million euros from Germany.

French President Francois Hollande meanwhile said that Iranian president-elect Hassan Rowhani would be welcome at the Syria peace talks "if he can be useful."

The G8 leaders were more united on tax, vowing concrete steps to target not only illegal tax evasion but also tax avoidance by multinational companies that costs taxpayers billions in lost revenues.

And they agreed to stamp out the payment of ransoms for hostages kidnapped by "terrorists", and called on companies to follow their lead in refusing to pay for the release of their employees.

On tax, Cameron heralded a commitment in the declaration to fight the "scourge" of tax evasion and to promote corporate transparency.

"Countries should change rules that let companies shift their profits across borders to avoid taxes, and multinationals should report to tax authorities what tax they pay where," the G8 said.

But activists said the deal came up short.

Alex Wilks, campaign director at global civic organisation Avaaz said opposition from Canada and Germany "blocked the strong deal the world demanded."

Boeing in comeback with launch of new Dreamliner



A Boeing 787 Dreamliner

LE BOURGET (AFP) - Boeing launched the biggest version of its Dreamliner plane at the Paris Air Show Tuesday with over 100 orders worth about \$30 billion and a clear message -- after a run of technical blows, the US firm is back on track.

The announcement failed to steal a march on arch-rival Airbus on the second day of the show with the European plane maker soaring ahead on new plane orders or agreements worth \$36 billion compared to \$26.2 billion for the

US firm.

Smaller regional plane makers such as European manufacturer ATR also made their presence felt with multi-billion-dollar contracts propelled by demand and opportunities in Asia and South America.

"Boeing today officially launches the 787-10," Boeing head Jim McNerney told reporters, with commitments to buy the new aircraft from United Airlines, Singapore Airlines, British Airways, and leasing firms ALC and

GECAS.

Boeing did not say how much the deals for the 787-10 -- the biggest of the three fuel-efficient Dreamliner planes -- were worth, but each aircraft costs \$290 million at catalogue prices.

That would mean the contracts were worth \$29.6 billion, although hard negotiation in the airline industry usually results in big discounts from list prices.

ALC also said it would buy three 787-9 planes and Korean Air ordered 11 long-haul aircraft.

The announcements put Boeing firmly back in the running after a slew of recent technical problems forced the grounding of the entire Dreamliner fleet worldwide for three months in a huge blow to the US firm -- and its bosses.

Thai monks rebuked over 'ostentatious' jet ride



BANGKOK (AFP) - The behaviour of Thailand's Buddhist clergy has been thrust under the spotlight after footage emerged of three monks flying in a private jet, wearing earphones and sunglasses and travelling with a Louis Vuitton luxury bag.

The video, which has been viewed nearly 200,000 times on YouTube, has prompted fevered debate in the Buddhist-dominated kingdom over monks' adherence to austere principles which include living without possessions, beyond a handful of robes.

According to one of the monks, who has since been "reprimanded", the jet was chartered by a devotee to fly them home to northeast Si Sa Ket from Bangkok after performing duties in November, said Nopparat Benjawattanun, director of the National Office of Buddhism.

"The behaviour -- wearing sunglasses and carrying a Louis Vuitton handbag -- amounts to an ostentatious display that will provoke criticism from laymen," Nopparat said.

Buddhism is Thailand's state religion and around 95 percent of the population is believed to follow it -- the highest percentage in the world.

Figures last year from the National Office of Buddhism

showed Thailand had more than 61,000 monks.

Their behaviour frequently falls under the spotlight with media reports uncovering cases of clergy taking drugs, drinking, gambling and visiting prostitutes.

"To be in the monkhood one should be isolated and content with what one has," said Pra Khru Vinaithorn Teerawit, of the Buddhism Protection Center of Thailand, adding complaints are most commonly made against newly ordained monks.

Referring to the video, he said the public reaction should depend on whether the monks chose to travel by private jet or if it was organised by followers.

"If monks chose to travel by jet then it's not suitable," he said.

The video can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sANFgwoJeic>.

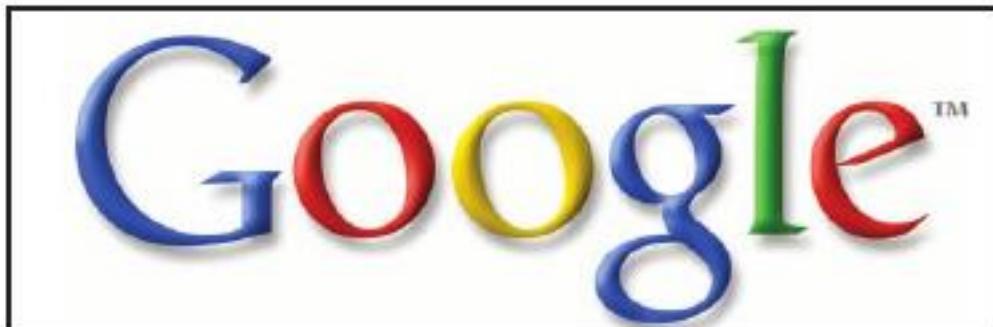


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International News

Google asks US court to allow data query release



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Google said Tuesday it asked a special US court handling national security investigations for permission to publish the number of government requests for data to the Internet giant.

The court filing in Washington came amid a firestorm of protests over revelations that the National Security Agency had accessed vast amounts of data in a surveillance program under the supervision of the special court, which operates in secret.

Google said it already publishes in its "transparency report" data on requests from law enforcement and so-called National Security Letters from the FBI.

"However, greater transparency is needed, so today we have petitioned the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to allow us to publish aggregate numbers of national security requests, including FISA disclosures, separately," a Google spokesperson said.

"Lumping national security requests together with criminal requests -- as some companies have been permitted to do -- would be a backward step for our users."

FISA refers to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which authorized the secret court.

Google said it was seeking a court ruling to allow it to publish "limited, aggregate statistics" on orders for the company to hand over data.

"Google's reputation and business has been harmed by the false and misleading reports in the media, and Google's users are concerned by the allegations," the petition said.

The company said it was asking the court to affirm its "right" under the First Amendment of the US Constitution to publish the information.



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Turkey PM claims victory after protest crackdown

ANKARA (AFP) - Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday claimed victory over anti-government protesters after a heavy crackdown, as police raided homes and arrested dozens of demonstrators in a bid to stamp out nearly three weeks of unrest.

After a weekend of clashes sparked by the eviction of protesters from Istanbul's Gezi Park, the focal point of the protests, demonstrators have struggled to regroup and police have since fought only sporadic battles with smaller groups of demonstrators across the country.

Overnight, riot police in the capital Ankara briefly fired tear gas and water cannon at protesters who hurled back stones and hid behind makeshift barricades, but there were no other reports of confrontations.



Erdem Gunduz, centre, stood in a silent protest at Taksim Square in Istanbul for eight hours, inspiring hundreds of others to follow his lead

In Istanbul, dozens of demonstrators switched to silent protests, standing still in quiet defiance in the main Taksim Square located next to Gezi Park.

As the protests appeared to lose their intensity, Erdogan said he had overcome the crisis, seen as the biggest challenge

yet to his Islamist-rooted government's decade-long rule.

"Our democracy has been tested again and came out victoriously," the premier told members of his ruling Justice and Development party (AKP) to roaring applause.

"The people and the AKP government have foiled the

plot... hatched by traitors and their foreign accomplices."

Confident he has weathered the storm, he warned against any resurgence of the protests.

Erdogan has been widely criticised for his handling of the turmoil, with the United States and other Western allies strongly condemning the use of excessive police force against protesters.

UN leader Ban Ki-moon on Tuesday called for show "maximum restraint" in the government's showdown with opposition demonstrators.

But Erdogan said the police had "successfully passed the test of democracy" with their response to the unrest and vowed to increase their powers.

His comments came as police carried out raids at homes across the country, detaining over 100 demonstrators.

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US program marks birth of one millionth HIV-free baby



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Secretary of State John Kerry on Tuesday hailed the 10th anniversary of a US program to battle AIDS, saying it has helped one million babies be born disease-free to mothers infected with HIV.

More effective anti-retroviral drugs and regimens are now dramatically cutting the chances of an infected mother passing on the sickness to her baby during pregnancy or breastfeeding.

The birth of the one millionth HIV-free baby was hailed as part of celebrations to mark the 10th anniversary of the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, known by its acronym PEPFAR.

Namibian Health Minister Richard Nehabi Kamwi said his government would always be "eternally grateful" for PEPFAR's assistance, which has helped turn the tide against the disease in his country.

The program "represents a decade of hope and renewed health for victims of HIV/AIDS, who without PEPFAR would have succumbed to the deadly pandemic," he said.

The biggest fall in transmission rates from mother to infant has come since 2009, US

Global AIDS coordinator Eric Goosby told AFP.

"Somewhere round 430,000 babies are born annually with HIV and this project that we've been in really since the beginning of PEPFAR has intensified over the last three years in partnership with UNAID and UNICEF," Goosby said.

This involves not just identifying the mother, but getting her on a drugs program and keeping her in treatment through the pregnancy and any later ones -- not always an easy task in rural Africa.

The chances of a mother infecting her baby once stood at around 30 percent, but now, with the launch of a cocktail of three anti-retroviral drugs, that has dropped to only about two percent, Goosby said.

Launched under former US president George W. Bush, PEPFAR was an initial commitment of some \$15 billion over five years aimed specifically at providing anti-retroviral drugs to people infected with HIV.

That has risen to a budget of about \$5.5 billion annually, including its contribution to the Global Fund -- the world's largest financing organization of programs to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Kerry told how during a visit some years ago to Durban, South Africa, he had met orphans robbed of their parents "forced to take on the burden of adulthood at the age of 13, 14, and caring for their younger siblings."

But with programs like PEPFAR, "when we all looked lost, when this disease appeared to be unstoppable, history will show that humanity and individual humans rose to the challenge."

Absent a medical breakthrough leading to a cure, experts are working towards a so-called "tipping point" when fewer people contract HIV every year than the number of those going onto treatments.

Kerry also announced that some 13 countries from Botswana to Zimbabwe, including Namibia, were close to that all important "tipping point."

In Ethiopia and Malawi, the ratio of new HIV infections to the increase of patients on treatment is just 0.3. Ethiopia -- which with a population of 84.7 million is the most populous African country after Egypt -- for instance registered only 11,000 new cases of HIV in adults in 2011.

Although some 1.7 million people still die every year from AIDS-related illnesses, PEPFAR supports more than 5.1 million on treatment programs.

The program estimates that worldwide more than 16 million children are living without one or both parents who have succumbed to AIDS, while millions more are left vulnerable with their parents chronically ill.

Measles epidemic sweeps northern Syria: MSF

BEIRUT (AFP) - An epidemic of measles is sweeping through parts of northern Syria, with at least 7,000 people affected because the ongoing civil war has disrupted vaccination programmes, Doctors Without Borders said on Tuesday.

"The main factor leading to the worsening of the situation and to outbreaks has been the disruption of routine immunisation activities," MSF said.

Consequently, vaccination coverage for measles has dropped from around 80 percent to almost zero among young children, it added.

Only 13 cases were reported throughout the country in 2010 and 26 in 2011, according to World Health Organisation data.

Now at least 7,000 people have been infected, with the

disease spreading more quickly in part because of the large number of Syrians displaced by the conflict and living in close quarters.

In a bid to stem the epidemic, MSF has been conducting an immunisation programme in parts of northern Syria that are largely rebel-controlled.

The group said it had vaccinated more than 75,000 children in the provinces of Aleppo, Raqa and Idlib.

But the war has made the process difficult.

The group also warned that while the mortality rate associated with the current measles outbreak was low, infection would render children more vulnerable to other diseases at a time when basic healthcare is increasingly unavailable.

Children falling victim to EU economic crisis

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Children in the European Union are increasingly falling victim to the economic crisis, the EU's rights agency warned Tuesday, citing the case of Greece where school-children were suffering from hunger.

Against a backdrop of rising unemployment and increased deprivation, "child poverty in the EU is an issue of growing concern," said the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights in its 2012 annual report.

Some 27 percent of children are at risk of poverty or social exclusion, a higher percentage than the rest of the population, as austerity budget cuts hit education, healthcare and the social services key to the welfare of the young, the report said.

The economic crisis has affected children in a number of EU member states, among them struggling Spain and bailed-out Greece and Portugal, the report said.

In Portugal, a June government decree significantly reduced benefits for families with children, while the Italian Society of Paediatrics warned of the potential impact of budget cuts on healthcare as authorities said two million children were living in families in poverty.

The Greek Ombudsman said there was an increase in child beggars or children working as street vendors, while Unicef Greece highlighted increasing malnutrition, saying there were more and more incidents of students fainting from hunger at school.

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LONDON (AFP) - Chinese telecoms giant Huawei yesterday launched what it said was the world's thinnest smartphone, which it hopes will take on high-end rivals like Apple and Samsung in the global market.

Bidding to extend its market reach outside China, Huawei chose London to unveil its Ascend P6, which is just 6.18 millimetres thick -- the June 18 launch date reflecting the dimensions.

The north London venue is famous for small-scale concerts and has previously hosted rock icons such as Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd.

Huawei hopes the Ascend P6 will take on its competitors on style and technology, but also on price -- it has a recommended retail price of 449 euros (\$600).

The phone will be available in 19 countries by the end of July, including China, France, Germany and Italy, with more than 100 others to follow.

Nick Woodley, lead designer from the firm's London design centre, said the phone was inspired by sheets of paper.

It weighs 120 grammes, has a 4.7 inch (119.5 millimetre) touchscreen and boasts two cameras -- an eight megapixel camera on the back and a five megapixel camera on the front.

The unveiling of the phone in London was a stand-alone event, unlike previous launches at trade shows.

In China's highly competitive smartphone segment, Huawei held a 10.1 percent share in the first quarter of this year, according to consultancy Analysys International.

64 dead as early monsoon hammers northern India

RISHIKESH (AFP) - Torrential rains have washed away hundreds of homes and roads, leaving at least 64 people dead and thousands stranded, after the annual monsoon hit northern India earlier than expected, officials said.

The Indian Air Force scrambled a dozen helicopters to reinforce a military-backed rescue mission in the worst-hit state of Uttarakhand, a spokesman said.

Local government officials in the state capital Dehradun said they were overwhelmed by the scale of the disaster.

"The situation is really very bad out there. More than 600 buildings have toppled or been swept away and there are 75,000 people including pilgrims stranded at various places."

Military helicopters were rushing to rescue those



stranded in water-logged areas, he said.

Television footage showed bridges, houses and multi-storey buildings crashing down and being washed away by the swirling waters.

A giant statue of Lord Shiva could be seen submerged up to its head in the tourist hub of Rishikesh in Uttarakhand.

Rising water levels in some

towns have also swept away cars, earthmoving equipment and even a parked helicopter, as a result of the surprise rains which began lashing the region on Saturday.

Roads in many areas have been destroyed, leaving hundreds of pilgrims stranded on their way to visit shrines in remote areas.

Authorities have cancelled pilgrimage trips, fearing further rains and landslides in the state, often referred to as the "Land of the Gods" because of its many Hindu temples and Hindu religious sites.

The monsoon, which India's farming sector depends on, covers the subcontinent from June to September, usually bringing some flooding.

But the heavy rains arrived early this year, catching many by surprise. The country has received 68 percent more rain than normal for this time of year, data from the India Meteorological Department shows.

Japan experts to OK animal-human embryos test: reports

TOKYO (AFP) - Proposed experiments with animal-human embryos cleared the first regulatory hurdle Tuesday, reports said, as Japanese scientists seek permission for tests that could see human organs produced inside the growing body of an animal.

Researchers want to introduce a human stem cell into an animal embryo, to create a so-called "chimeric embryo", which they can implant into an animal's womb.

The hope is that this stem cell will grow into a fully-functioning human organ -- a kidney or a liver, for example -- as the animal matures.

This would mean when the creature is fully grown, the organ could be harvested from the animal and used for transplanting into a person in need.

During the meeting the gov-

ernment-appointed panel agreed on the framework of its recommendation and is expected to announce its final conclusion as early as next month, public broadcaster NHK said.

That recommendation will be sent to a government committee tasked with drafting guidelines shaping the boundaries of Japan's cutting-edge embryonic research.

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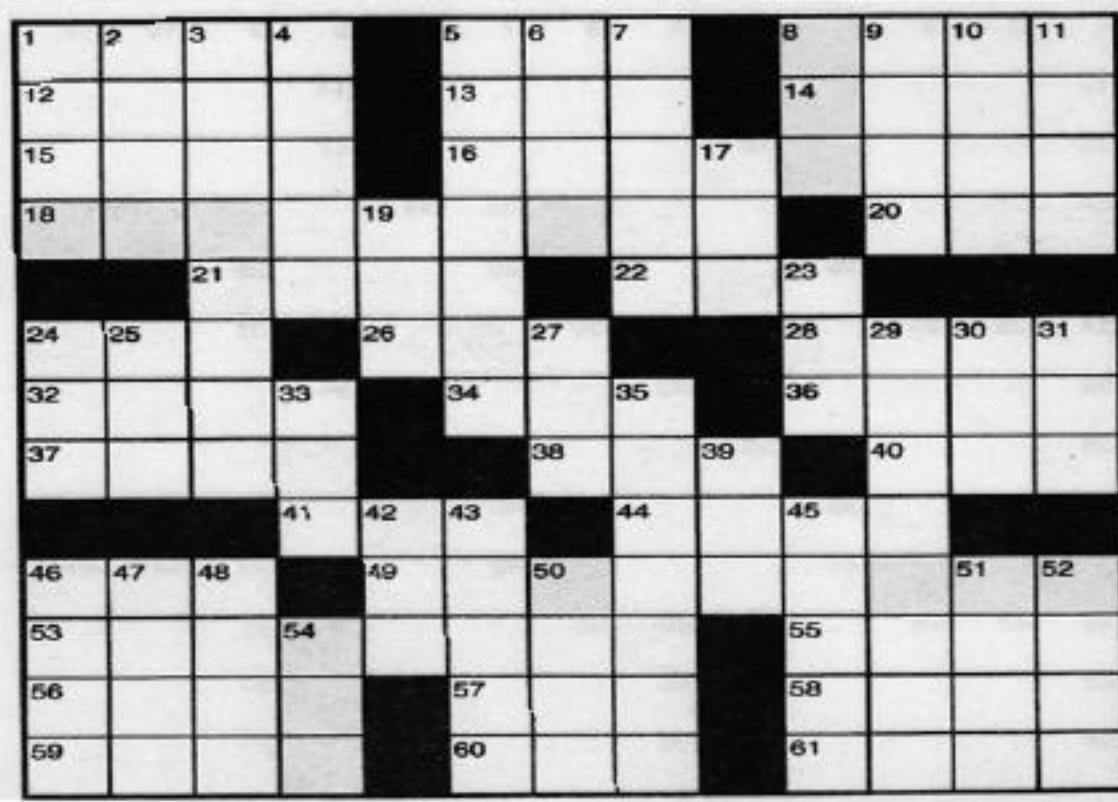
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US stocks surge ahead of Fed meeting

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks Tuesday rose decisively as investors bet that the Federal Reserve will stay the course the next day on its economic stimulus policy.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average surged 138.38 (0.91 percent) higher to 15,318.23.

Tuesday's session marked the sixth in a row that the Dow moved more than 100 points in a single session.

The broad-based S&P 500 jumped 12.77 (0.78 percent) to 1,651.81, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index rose 30.05 (0.87 percent) to 3,482.18.

The Federal Reserve's policy panel Tuesday kicked off a two-day meeting that will culminate in a Wednesday policy statement and news conference with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.

Investors in recent weeks have speculated the Fed would soon taper its \$85 billion-a-month bond-buying program.

But the market is now betting the Fed will pull back only in "the distant horizon," said Art Hogan of Lazard Capital Markets.

Bernanke's message will be that "things are getting better, but not enough so that we're going to start tapering."

Hogan predicted Bernanke would avoid laying out a time frame for scaling back the purchases.

Most of the companies in the Dow rose. The biggest gainers were General Electric (up 2.4 percent) and UnitedHealth Group (up 2.0 percent).

Dell rose 0.5 percent to \$13.48 after Carl Icahn called on the company to purchase a majority of outstanding shares for \$14 per share in his latest effort to block founder Michael Dell's go-private plan. Dell has offered \$13.65 per share.

Irish biotechnology company Elan's US-traded shares rose 2.2 percent after US intellectual property investor Royalty Pharma abandoned a bid to acquire it.

US shares of Sony Corp. shot up 3.3 percent after the electronics giant said it would consider spinning off its entertainment division in response to pressure from hedge fund Third Point. Third Point upped its stake in Sony to 6.9 percent from 6.5 percent.

Bond prices were mixed. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury edged up to 2.18 percent from 2.17 percent late Monday, while the 30-year slipped to 3.34 percent from 3.35 percent. Bond prices move inversely to yields.

Deloitte fined \$10 mn in US laundering case

NEW YORK (AFP) - Big accountancy Deloitte was fined \$10 million by New York state on Tuesday for its actions in advising Standard Chartered Bank over money laundering.

Deloitte's unit Deloitte Financial Advisory Services was fined and also banned for one year from work in New York state after state authorities said it did not carry out its duties independently in advising the bank on how to avoid money laundering.

Standard Chartered was fined \$667 million by federal and New York state authorities last year for permitting hundreds of billions of dollars to

be laundered through its US branch by clients from Iran, Myanmar, Libya and Sudan, in violation of US sanctions on the countries.

The transfers took place mainly between 2001 and 2007.

In 2004 the New York Department of Financial Services required the London-based bank to contract an independent adviser to help it comply with money-laundering statutes.

But even after Deloitte Financial Advisory Services took that role, the laundering continued.

The department said the fine,

which the company agreed to in a settlement, was to cover its "misconduct, violations of law, and lack of autonomy" in advising Standard Chartered.

"At times, the consulting industry has been infected by an 'I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine' culture and a stunning lack of independence," said Benjamin Lawsky, New York superintendent of financial services, in a statement.

"Today, we are taking an important step in helping ensure that consultants are independent voices -- rather than beholden to the large institutions that pay their fees."

Montreal mayor accused of corruption resigns

MONTREAL (AFP) - The mayor of Canada's second largest city resigned on Tuesday following his arrest on corruption charges but insisted he was innocent of wrongdoing.

"I maintain my innocence," Montreal Mayor Michael Applebaum told a press conference. "Being mayor of Montreal is not a task that one can do while defending themselves against accusations of this nature and I hope that you'll understand that I'll put my energies into my defense

and into my family."

The announcement comes one day after Applebaum, who was brought in only a few months ago to clean up city hall, was arrested along with two former city councilors and charged with fraud, collusion, breach of trust and corruption.

A frenzy ensued as councilors jockeyed to succeed Applebaum as interim mayor until the next municipal election in November. The city council's executive committee is expected to make that decision within the next 30 days.

Applebaum was accused Monday of having received illicit commissions in two real

estate development deals in the neighborhood he represented on the Montreal City Council between 2006 and 2011.

Officials did not provide details of the alleged crimes. But local media said they involved the awarding of a management contract for a city sports complex and a demolition permit to make way for a luxury condo in Applebaum's Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Côte-des-Neiges neighborhood.

Applebaum, a former real estate agent and Montreal's first English-speaking mayor in more than a century, did not comment on the specific accusations.



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Second miracle attributed to John Paul II: report



VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Vatican theologians have attributed a second miracle to pope John Paul II, putting him firmly on

the path to sainthood, the ANSA news agency reported Tuesday.

Quoting unnamed Vatican sources, ANSA said the new miracle would "amaze the world", while Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi would not confirm or deny the report when contacted by AFP.

The long road to sainthood requires two "confirmed" miracles, the first of which is necessary for beatification, a hurdle the Polish pope cleared just six months after his death in 2005.

That was the healing of a French nun, Sister Marie Simon-Pierre, whose recovery from Parkinson's disease after praying for the late John Paul II's "intercession" had no medical explanation.

The second miracle reportedly took place on the very day that John Paul II was beatified in a lavish ceremony in St Peter's Square on May 1, 2011, but the ANSA report did not describe it.

The Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints is in charge of examining the "dossiers" of candidates for sainthoods.

For healings to be officially certified as miracles, they must be instantaneous, permanent and with no scientific explanation.

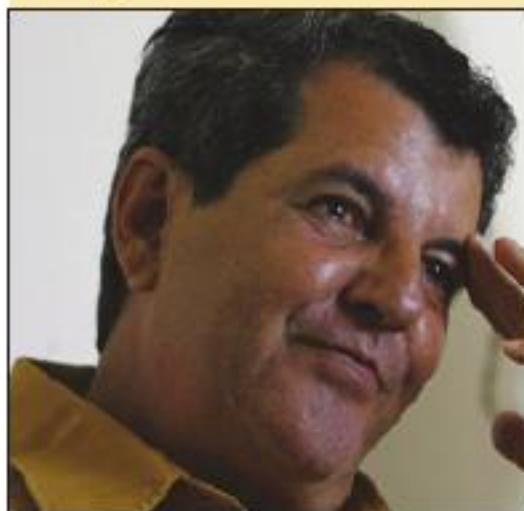
The late pontiff could be formally canonised in October at the close of the "year of faith" launched by his successor Benedict XVI, according to previous media reports.

John Paul II was hugely popular through his 27-year papacy, and at his funeral in 2005, crowds of mourners cried "Santo Subito!" -- which roughly translates as "Sainthood Now!"

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Widow, daughter of late Cuban dissident seek US asylum



MIAMI (AFP) - The widow and daughter of late Cuban dissident Oswaldo Paya, who are visiting relatives in Miami, said on Tuesday that they plan to seek asylum in the United States.

"We are political refugees, because we are politically persecuted in Cuba," said Ofelia Acevedo, whose deceased husband founded the Christian Liberation Movement dissident group. "We did not come here seeking political asylum, but we are, quite simply, refugees who have found ourselves in this country," she told a press conference at a Miami church.

Acevedo arrived in Miami on June 6, accompanied by three children, her mother and a sister, on a visit. She said it was to see friends and relatives who have settled in this Florida metropolis, considered the capital of the communist island's exile community and home to some 90,000 Cuban Americans.

Her late husband Paya and another Cuban dissident, Harold Cepero, were killed July 22, 2012, in southeastern Cuba when their rental car went off a country road and

crashed into a tree.

The vehicle's driver, Spanish conservative youth leader Angel Carromero, and another passenger, Swedish activist Jens Aron Modig, survived the crash.

A government investigation concluded that Carromero had been driving too fast, hit an unpaved section of road and lost control of the vehicle.

Payá's family, however, said they suspected foul play, and alleged that the vehicle had been struck from behind -- an account of events later supported by Carromero.

Payá was one of the Cuban government's most prominent critics, and his death caused an international storm and fervent calls for an international investigation.

His widow suggested that the controversy and suspicion surrounding his death was a major factor in her decision to abandon her homeland.

"You all know what has happened to my family in Cuba, what happened to my husband -- the reasons I have to leave Cuba are quite clear," she said.

Payá's daughter Rosa María, who has also decided to seek asylum in the United States, railed against alleged "repression" that her family has been subjected to since her father's death, including "threats and surveillance" by authorities.

They said, however, that they hope someday to be able to return to Cuba if there is a change of government, and will continue to work from outside for improved human rights there.

Bieber off hook after car hits photographer



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Los Angeles police investigated Tuesday an incident in which a car driven by teen idol Justin Bieber hit a paparazzo, but decided after enquiries that the lensman was at fault, a spokesman said.

Gossip website TMZ said Bieber, 19, was exiting the Laugh Factory on Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood late Monday when his white Ferrari struck a photographer, who was treated in hospital with unspecified injuries.

It posted video footage of the incident, in which Bieber is seen getting into the car with a male friend amid a crush of photographers, revving its engine, then driving off, apparently striking a paparazzo in the knee.

The LA Police Department (LAPD) initially said it was looking into the incident.

But LAPD spokesman Bruce Boriranh later said that a preliminary investigation had determined that the photographer "jumped in the street in front of the car."

"It was not a hit and run... It was the pedestrian's fault," he said.

It is the latest alleged incident involving Bieber and his car, although in some cases he was not driving the vehicle.

Last month he made headlines after neighbors in his exclusive Calabasas neighborhood, northwest of Los Angeles, accused him of driving recklessly through the area.

Canadian-born chart-topper Bieber has been on a break from his ongoing North American tour. He is expected to announce concert dates for Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region in the next few days.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they feel secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded get-



away, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further en-

hance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas, 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted

Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, from 11:00 am to 11:00pm,

Tel: 5860606 and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!



Tahiti's Vallar credited with own goal



BELO HORIZONTE (AFP) - FIFA announced on Tuesday that the opening goal in Nigeria's 6-1 rout of Tahiti at the Confederations Cup had been credited as an own goal by the beaten side's captain, Nicolas Vallar.

The fifth-minute goal in the Group B encounter in Belo Horizonte on Monday was initially awarded to Nigeria left-back Uwa Echiejile, whose shot deflected off Jonathan Tehau and Vallar before ricocheting into the net.

"Following further studies of the video of the match between

Tahiti and Nigeria on 17 June in Belo Horizonte, FIFA's Technical Study Group has decided the first goal of Nigeria, scored in the fifth minute, was

Football: Japan look to avoid early exit

RECIFE (AFP) - The task facing both Asian champions Japan and three-time world champions Italy is clear cut in Recife at the Confederations Cup.

An Italian win, on the heels of Sunday's success over Olympic champions Mexico should propel the Azzurri into the semi-finals, while also ending the Blue Samurai's interest in this summer's event.

The pressure is off Japan to a large extent in that, aside from World Cup and Confederations hosts Brazil they are the only side competing here who have already booked their tickets for next summer's jamboree.

In going down 3-0 to the Brazilians in the opening match, Alberto Zaccheroni's Japanese showed the effects of a long, yet successful, qualifying World Cup campaign - they only arrived 72 hours after see-

an own goal by Tahiti number 10 Nicolas Vallar," read a statement from world governing body FIFA.

"The goal was initially awarded to Nigeria's Uwa Echiejile but after careful review was credited as an own goal."

Tehau also scored an own goal in the game, although he did find the net at the right end in the 54th minute, becoming the first player from Tahiti to score in a high-profile international tournament.

Echiejile also got on the score-sheet at Estadio Mineirao, converting his side's final goal in the 80th minute.

ing off Iraq in the Gulf.

They also showed - AS Zaccheroni tacitly admitted - that they are at this stage a work in progress with 12 months to plan next year's assault.

"What we must not do is repeat the mistakes of the Brazil game," said midfielder Yasuhiro Endo. "But don't judge us on that game."

Defender Yuto Nagatomo, who plays for Serie A side Inter Milan, said he and his team-mates would have to get to grips with Mario Balotelli, who proved a handful for Mexico and who scored the winner in that game to see the Italians join Brazil on three points.

And Nagatomo said slyly that he figures there is one way to do so - niggle the temperamental striker.

Balotelli is already carrying a needless booking into the match having taken off his shirt after his goal Sunday.

And Nagatomo says that "while he is very quick and physical we must mark him tightly and above all get under his skin. He is always in the thick of things but he has a short fuse. It will be a mental battle for him."

Defender Giorgio Chiellini and midfielder Riccardo Montolivo were both buoyed by the win over the Mexicans, who had widely been seen as key rivals for second spot in Group A.

SPORTS

Football: Thiago hat-trick sees Spain retain U-21 title

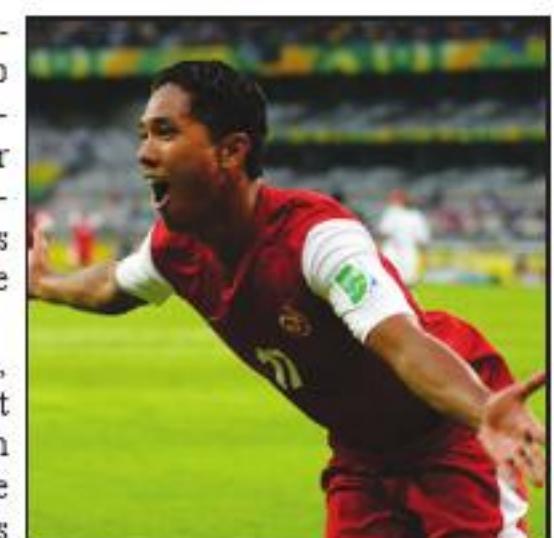


WINNERS

JERUSALEM (AFP) - A hat-trick by inspirational captain Thiago Alcantara saw Spain easily retain their European Under-21 title in Jerusalem yesterday with a 4-2 win over Italy.

Barcelona star Thiago, who was born in Italy where his Brazilian father Mazinho was playing for Lecce, doubled his total haul for the side with all his goals coming in the first half.

Tehau dreams of Barca after landmark goal



"It's just huge. Already, coming here to Brazil, and then scoring the goal, I'm very happy for me, for my family, my friends and my teammates."

Tehau said he hoped the goal would transform his life and when asked to name his ideal club, he replied with a grin: "Why not dream? Barcelona."

For Vahirua, Tehau's goal represented all that Tahiti could have hoped for, as we have to act like professionals. We're proud of ourselves."

Coach Eddy Etaeta, who claimed the Tahitian government had broken off a ministerial meeting in order to watch the game, said he had been overwhelmed by the reception.

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Brazil	3	0	3
Italy	2	1	3
Mexico	1	2	0
Japan	0	3	0
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Nigeria	6	1	3
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Uruguay	1	2	0
Tahiti	1	6	0

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Baseball: Injury-hit Yankees lose Youkilis, Teixeira

NEW YORK (AFP) - The injury-hit New York Yankees, fighting for a Major League Baseball playoff as mid-season nears, lost two more stars on Tuesday in first baseman Mark Teixeira and third baseman Kevin Youkilis.

Teixeira was put on the 15-day disabled list with an injured right wrist while Youkilis will have surgery on Thursday to repair a herniated disc and is expected to miss 10 to 12 weeks, Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

After doctor Robert Watkins performs the operation, Youkilis -- who has played in only 28 games this season -- will



Youkilis

stay in California until he is able to report to the Yankees' training facility in Tampa, Florida.

At 38-31, the Yankees are third in the American League East division but only one victory out of playoff position as the midpoint approaches on the six-month regular season campaign.

The "Bronx Bombers" have played well despite numerous injuries, notably to their all-star infield.

Just last week, Yankees superstar shortstop Derek Jeter

was cleared to resume full baseball activities and run on his surgically repaired left ankle, broken in last year's American League Championship Series.

Third baseman Alex Rodriguez is recovering from off-season hip surgery also is being investigated in connection with a doping scandal over a Miami clinic that reportedly provided players banned performance-enhancing substances.

Youkilis has a .219 average with two home runs, seven doubles and eight runs batted in as a designated hitter while Teixeira, who has played only 15 games, has batted only .151 with three homers and 12 runs batted in.

Teixeira strained a wrist tendon in March's World Baseball Classic and was not activated until May 31. He removed himself from a game on Sunday complaining about the wrist but a scan showed no tear in the tendon.

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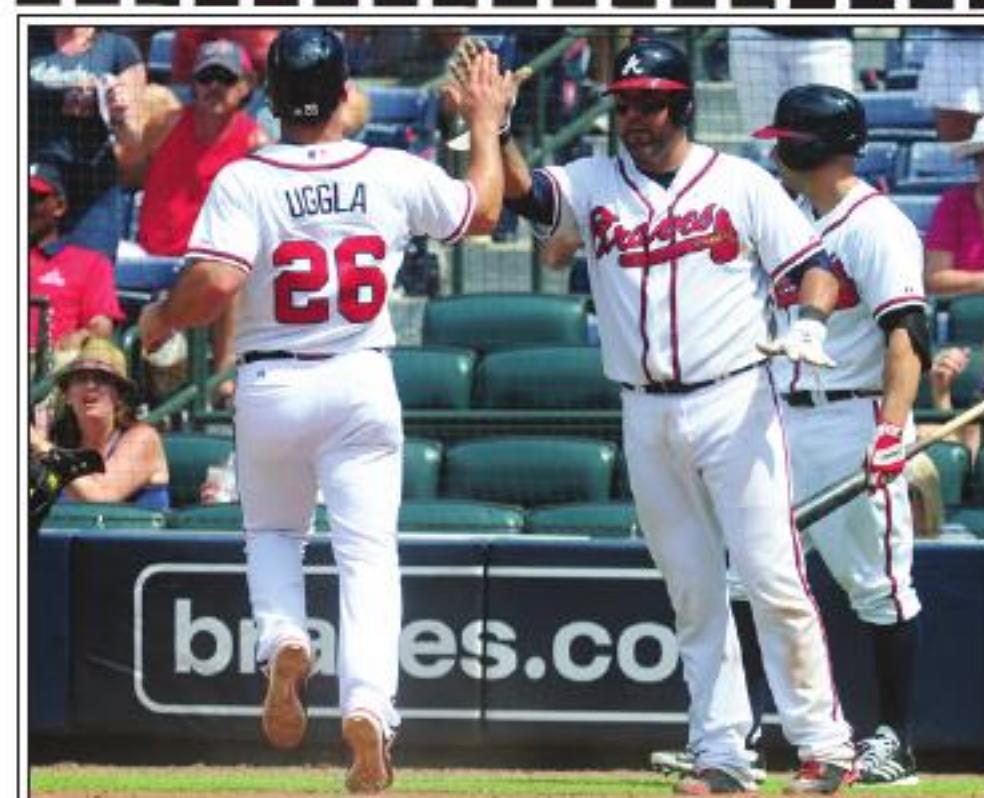
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ATLANTA (AFP) - Dan Uggla #26 of the Atlanta Braves celebrates with Gerald Laird #11 after scoring against the New York Mets during game one of a doubleheader at Turner Field, Atlanta yesterday. The New York Mets held off another Atlanta comeback, beating the Braves 4-3.



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Game 4: MIA 109, SAS 93 (Series tied 2-2)

Game 5: SAS 114, MIA 104 (Spurs lead 3-2)

Game 6: Jun 18 - 9 - pm EDT @MIA

Game 7: Jun 20 - 9 pm EDT @MIA



LE MANS (AFP) - (From L) Audi R18 E-Tron Quattro Hybrid pilots N°1 2, 3, Swiss Marcel Fassler, German Andre Lotterer and French Benoit Tréluyer, winner of the 24 hours of Le Mans 2012, Audi N°2, Scottish Allan McNish, Danish Tom Kristensen, French Loïc Duval, Audi N°3, British Olivier Jarvis, Spanish Marc Gené and Brazilian Lucas Di Grassi, pose next to their mechanics and their cars during the technical audits of Le Mans 24 hours endurance, on June 17, 2013 in Le Mans, western France. Fifty-six cars with 168 drivers will participate on June 22 and 23 in the Le Mans 24-hours endurance race.



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Racing: Irish sweep all before them at Royal Ascot



Dawn Approach beat Toronado in a photo finish to win the St James's Palace Stakes on Royal Ascot's opening day.

ASCOT (AFP) - Ireland dominated the opening day of the Royal Ascot meeting on Tuesday carrying all before them in the first four races including the feature race the St James's Palace Stakes.

In doing so they denied challengers from the United States, Australia and South Africa as well as the massed ranks of the home country in the most prestigious racing festival in Europe.

Aidan O'Brien was to the fore courtesy of a big-race double. But the honours belonged principally to Jim Bolger, whose brave decision to start Derby disappointment Dawn Approach in the St James's Palace Stakes saw the colt win an epic renewal.

Dawn Approach finished last at Epsom just 17 days earlier, having raced like a rodeo bull. But Bolger felt sure his horse had recovered and was fully vindicated. None of Dawn Approach's competitive fire had been quelled as he fought tooth and nail to fend off Toronado by a short head.

Although Toronado was among the sufferers in a melee halfway down the home straight, he had every chance at the finish. But Dawn Approach, owned in partnership between Bolger and the ruler

of Dubai Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, refused to yield. The placings remained unaltered after a stewards' inquiry.

So wildly did Dawn Approach behave at Epsom that



Johnny Murtagh riding Sole Power lands the King's Stand Stakes

he returned with a badly cut mouth. In consequence he was ridden at morning exercise in a bitless bridle.

Victory entitles Dawn Approach to be hailed as the best three-year-old miler in Europe after he opened his campaign by winning the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket. And that race is now on War Command's agenda after the two-year-old

ran clean away with the Coventry Stakes.

War Command was the least fancied of O'Brien's three runners in the race. He loomed up under Seamus Hefner before sprinting clear of Parbold, with the winner's stable-mate, Sir John Hawkins, back in third place. He prevailed by six effortless lengths and is by some way the best juvenile seen out this season.

War Command was bred by American Joseph Allen, who has entered into a fruitful partnership with the Irish syndicate comprising John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith.

The four men are involved in a handful of horses within O'Brien's Ballydoyle stable and another of them, Declar-

Baseball: San Jose files lawsuit against MLB

SAN JOSE (AFP) - The city of San Jose filed a federal anti-trust lawsuit against Major League Baseball on Tuesday after four years without progress on a potential move of the Oakland A's to San Jose.

The San Jose Mercury News reported the lawsuit claims Major League Baseball giving territorial rights to San Jose to the reigning World Series champion San Francisco Giants amount to an unlawful restraint of trade.

"For years, MLB has unlawfully conspired to control the location and relocation of major league men's profes-

sional baseball clubs under the guise of an 'anti-trust exemption' applied to the business of baseball," the city said in a 44-page complaint filed in US District Court in San Jose.

The lawsuit calls Major League Baseball's actions a "blatant conspiracy", the newspaper reported.

Major League Baseball's federal anti-trust exemption originated with a 1922 US Supreme Court ruling that baseball is not interstate commerce subject to federal antitrust regulation. That decision was upheld in 1953 and 1972.

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